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Spawn and Lyra come searching for answers and end up prisoners of the nefarious Nero.

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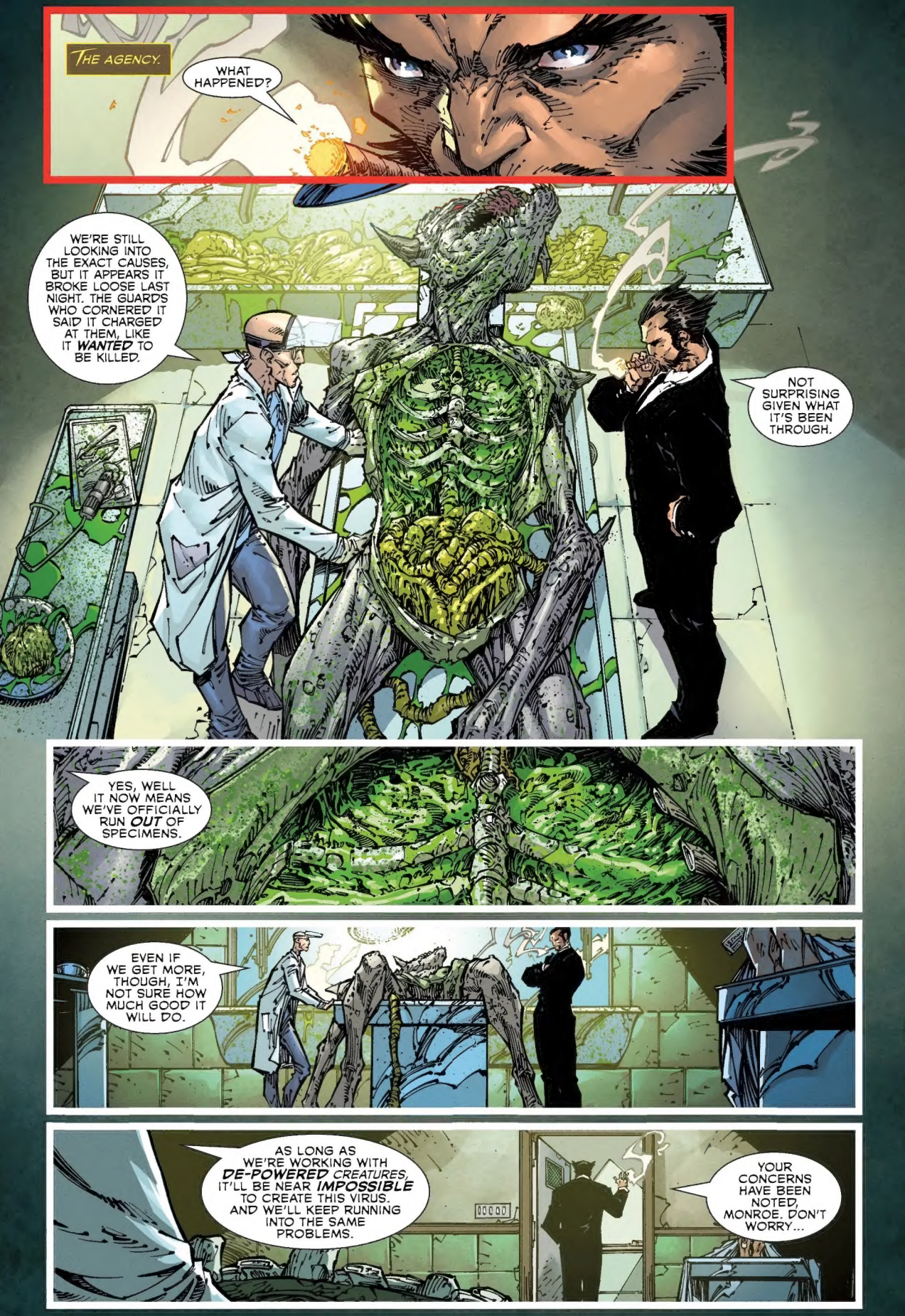
THE AGENCY.
WHAT HAPPENED?
WE'RE STILL LOOKING INTO THE EXACT CAUSES, BUT IT APPEARS IT BROKE LOOSE LAST NIGHT. THE GUARDS WHO CORNERED IT SAID IT CHARGED AT THEM, LIKE IT WANTED TO BE KILLED.
NOT SURPRISING GIVEN WHAT IT'S BEEN THROUGH.
YES, WELL IT NOW MEANS WE'VE OFFICIALLY RUN OUT OF SPECIMENS.
EVEN IF WE GET MORE, THOUGH, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH GOOD IT WILL DO.
AS LONG AS WE'RE WORKING WITH DE-POWERED CREATURES, IT'LL BE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE TO CREATE THIS VIRUS. AND WE'LL KEEP RUNNING INTO THE SAME PROBLEMS.
YOUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN NOTED, MONROE. DON'T WORRY...

"...PLANS ARE IN MOTION."
NOW THAT EVERYONE'S COMFORT-ABLE...
...WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE DOING *HERE*, AND I CAN DECIDE WHETHER TO INCINERATE YOU OR NOT?
WE'RE HERE TO TALK, NERO. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

AND YOU THINK BREAKING INTO MY HOME IS THE BEST WAY TO GET IT?
YOUR BODYGUARDS DIDN'T GIVE US MUCH CHOICE.
YES, WELL THAT IS A RATHER KEY PART OF THEIR JOB.
SO, LET ME GUESS, YOU WANT TO ALTER YOUR APPEARANCE?
HALF THE DEMONS ON EARTH HAVE BEEN KNOCKING ON MY DOOR LOOKING TO GET THEIR FACES CHANGED.
THAT'S NOT WHY WE'RE HERE. WE NEED A CURE FOR VAMPIRISM.
WELL, I'M AFRAID YOU'VE WASTED YOUR TIME. THERE'S NO CURE. IF ONE EVER EXISTED; I IMAGINE BLUDD HAD IT DESTROYED LONG AGO.

CALIBAN SAID DIFFERENTLY.
DON'T TRUST THAT IMBECILE. I'M THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY PRACTICES MAGIC!
WHO GAVE YOU THIS ADDRESS, BY THE WAY? I EXPECT A CERTAIN LEVEL OF DISCRETION FROM MY CLIENTS.
HIS NAME WAS SMYTHE. IF IT'S ANY CONSOLTION...
"...HE DIDN'T HAND THE INFORMATION OVER WILLINGLY."
I'M SURE.
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A MEETING WITH THE GILDED PANTHEON IN THE MORNING AND I NEED MY SLEEP.
YOU CAN SHOW YOURSELVES OUT...

SO, NOW WHAT?
I KNOW IT'S FRUSTRATING, BUT THESE THINGS TAKE TIME.
HOW MUCH TIME? WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND IN CIRCLES FOR WEEKS.
WE CAN'T KEEP WAITING FOR SOME MIRACLE SILVER BULLET. WE NEED TO TAKE THE FIGHT TO BLUDD.
WE CAN TALK ABOUT THIS LATER. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO MOVE.
Bzzt
EXCELLENT. THIS IS AN INFORMANT SENDING THE LOCATION OF A DEMON FACTION I'M LOOKING INTO.

THERE'S BEEN RUMORS LATELY, A DEMON SECT IS TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO REPLACE THE POWERS THEY'VE LOST.
WHAT? HOW?
MAGIC, TECHNOLOGY, GENE AUGMENTATION-- WHATEVER THEY CAN GET THEIR HANDS ON THAT'LL GIVE THEM A LEG UP.
EVEN AFTER BLUDD'S PURGE, THERE'S STILL ENOUGH OF THEM, AROUND TO CAUSE TROUBLE AND THIS FACTION POTENTIALLY HAS SOMETHING BIG.
WE NEED TO SHUT IT DOWN BEFORE IT SPREADS. THE LAST THING WE NEED IS HELL'S OPERATIVES, OR HEAVEN'S, FIGURING OUT HOW TO REARM THEMSELVES.

LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE BEAT US TO IT.
THINK THIS WAS BLUDD?
MOST LIKELY.
AT FIRST GLANCE, I'D GUESS THEY'VE BEEN HERE AT *LEAST* A DAY.
CERTAINLY SMELLS LIKE IT.
LET'S SWEEP THE PLACE, SEE IF THERE'S ANY CLUES ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE WORKING ON.
I'LL TAKE THE WEST END.

NEED A TORCH?
I'M GOOD.
Fwoosh
INTERESTING.
YOU NEVER MENTIONED YOU MANIPULATED ENERGY.
YOU NEVER ASKED.
I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I FIND ANYTHING.
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huh?

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ktang
WHAT THE F*CK?
HEY!
IS SOMEONE IN THERE?
Yes! Oh, thank god!
Please! I'm being held prisoner. Can you get me out?
SCRREEECCHHH
SHIT, OKAY. JUST GIVE ME A SEC...
OH MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU...

...I WAS STARTING TO WORRY I'D BE STUCK IN HERE FOREVER.
WAIT, YOU'RE NOT A VAMPIRE? ARE-- ARE YOU GOING TO HURT ME?!
NO, NO, DON'T WORRY. ARE YOU OKAY?
I... THINK SO.
WHO PUT YOU IN THERE?
SOME DEMONS. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. THEY KEPT ME HERE, RUNNING EXPERIMENTS TO SEE IF THEY COULD REGAIN THEIR POWERS...
WHY WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP RETURN THEIR POWERS?
HANG ON, LET ME GET YOU LOOSE.
WHAT? YOU'VE STILL GOT YOUR POWERS? YOU'RE A HYBRID, TOO?

YOU'RE A HYBRID? I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE.
ME TOO, BUT I'VE BEEN HEARING THERE MIGHT BE MORE OF US SINCE THE VAMPIRES TOOK OVER.
MY NAME'S MARJORIE, BY THE WAY.
LYRA. SO, WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
NOT TOTALLY SURE, BUT A FEW NIGHTS AGO, I COULD *HEAR* FIGHTING TAKING PLACE OUT HERE. FIGURED IT WAS THE VAMPIRES, SO I KEPT QUIET. BUT THEN AFTER A WHILE I CAME...
HOLY SHIT, LOOK OUT!

OH...
HE'S WITH ME.
SEE YOU FOUND SOME-THING.
SPAWN, THIS IS MARJORIE. SHE'S A HYBRID TOO.
DEMONS WERE KEEPING HER PRISONER.
IS THAT RIGHT?
um... HI.
HOW'D THEY CAPTURE YOU?
WELL, IT'S A BIT EMBARRASSING, SEE, I'VE NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A FIGHTER...
SO, IF YOU'RE A HYBRID, WHY DIDN'T YOU ESCAPE?
I TRIED, BUT MY HANDCUFFS SOMEHOW BLOCKED BY POWERS.
THEY'RE OFF NOW. SO, ARE YOUR POWERS BACK?

UH... NO. DON'T THINK SO. I HAVEN'T FELT THEM COME BACK YET, BUT I'M SURE--
SORRY, IS SOMETHING GOING ON? THIS IS STARTING TO FEEL LIKE AN INTERROGATION.
WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO GET AT, SPAWN?
IT'S JUST INTERESTING THAT THERE WASN'T A SINGLE ANGEL-DEMON HYBRID UNTIL A FEW WEEKS AGO AND NOW THEY SEEM TO BE EVERYWHERE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU. MAYBE WE JUST STAND OUT A BIT MORE NOW.
MAYBE.
OR MAYBE YOU'RE LYING.

YOU SERIOUS?!
F*CK YOU! IF YOU HAD ANY IDEA WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH THE LAST FEW WEEKS...
NEVER-MIND! YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
I'M OUT OF HERE.
NO YOU'RE NOT.
NOT UNTIL YOU PROVE THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY A HYBRID.
YEAH? WELL, YOU MIGHT BE WAITING A WHILE. I DON'T KNOW WHEN MY POWERS WILL COME BACK.
YOU'VE GOT EXACTLY FIVE SECONDS.

FIVE
SPAWN!?
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHY--
FOUR
PLEASE.
I SWEAR. I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.
THREE
TWO
ONE
RUMMBBLLLE

THIS END UP!
FOOM

CUT *THAT* A BIT CLOSE, DIDN'T YOU, TREMOR?
DIDN'T WANT YOU WHINING ABOUT ME SABOTAGING YOUR PLAY.
NOW COUGH UP THE 20 BUCKS, SNOW.
TAKE IT OFF THE $60 YOU OWE ME.
AND FOR THE RECORD, THE PLAY WAS WORKING FINE UNTIL--
BOOSH

WAM
I'LL GUT YOU, DEMON.
SLOPPY WORK, YOU TWO. YOU WERE *TOLD*, MAKE SURE SHE'S INCAPACITATED FIRST.
IT WAS IN THE *BRIEFING!*
WE HAD IT UNDER CONTROL, FIXER...
HANG ON, WHERE'S SPAWN?!

SLIPPED AWAY, HE KNEW HE WASN'T GOING TO WIN THIS.
DOESN'T MATTER. HE'S NOT OUR PRIORITY.
GET THE HYBRID ONTO THE SHIP, WHILE I REPORT IN.
"LIN, IT'S FIXER.
"YOU CAN LET WYNN KNOW...
"THE TARGET'S *BEEN* ACQUIRED."

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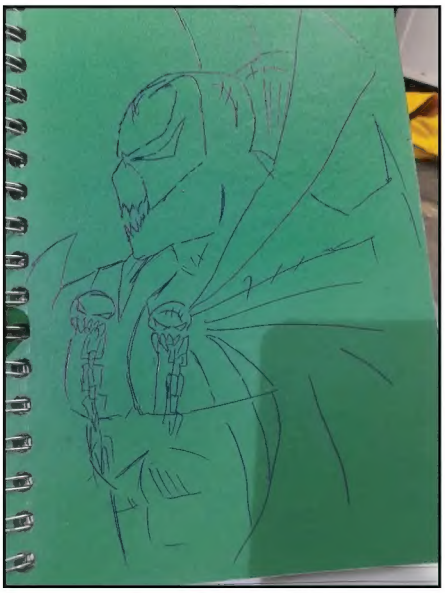

Spawn Fan-Art by Wilton Assis

Wilton, thanks so much for sending in your sketch of Spawn. I really dig it. Keep drawing, my man!

-THOMAS

Hi, Todd and Spawn team. I've been so excited about Spawn Issue #354! I really liked that you showed Jason Wyn in his original work suit at the end of issue #353. It was so nice to see that amazing Jim Downing appearance at the end of number #354. I'd like to thank Thaddeus Robeck for all his hard work on the cover for Issue #353. It's the most fantastic cover I've ever seen! Plus, here's also an Appreciation for Puppeteer Lee for the cover of issue #354, another best comic cover! It almost looks so real! And by the way, Team Spawn, I looked at the back cover of issue #354, and I really love the cover for issue #335! I GIVE IT 100 STARS! You guys come up with the best cover art in the comic book world! I gotta admit, Spawn definitely is the no.1 best-selling comic franchise in all Image Comics. I am your biggest fan, Mr McFarlane, and I will always be sure to pick up new issues every month.

-ADAM

Thanks for the letter, Adam. You know what, you're right! Those covers by Thaddeus and Puppeteer were awesome. I'm really glad that you liked them. I may not be impartial here, but I think the Spawn Universe has the best covers in the game! And we certainly plan on keeping it that way.
So, if there are any other cover artists that you want to see on some of the Spawn Universe books, just let me know, and I'll see what I can do.

-THOMAS

Spawn #353 Cover Art by Thaddeus Robeck

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